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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Gunter MARINGER, Walter MOHRS, and Edith  
PERNICE  
Serial No.: 09/462,616  
Filed: April 3, 2000  
For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR THE MUTUAL AUTHENTICATION  
OF COMPONENTS IN A NETWORK USING THE CHALLENGE-  
RESPONSE METHOD  
Group A.U.: 2135  
Examiner: P. W. Klimach

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 8, 2003,  
Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified  
application be amended as follows.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of  
claims beginning on page two of this paper.

Remarks begin on page six of this paper.

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